

# Watson Township Planning Commission

April 23, 2014

## Regular Meeting Minutes

### 1. Call to order-

Chairperson David Carter called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.

### 2. Pledge of Allegiance

### 3. Roll call and recognition of visitors-

Present: David Carter, Bruce Bos, Chuck Andrysiak, Michelle Harris, Bev McKinnon, Troy Baker, Barb Wroblewski

Absent: none

Visitors: Lindsay Linden

### 4. Approval of Minutes- motion made by Chuck Andrysiak to approve the minutes with clarifications (added a bullet point before 7b and inserted the word historically in 7a, 3<sup>rd</sup> bullet point). It was seconded by Troy Baker. All approved.

### 5. Public comments or communications concerning items not on Agenda-

Lindsay Linden comments are noted below in 7c.

### 6. Approval of Agenda- motion made to accept with reordering items under old business made by Bev McKinnon; seconded by Barb Wroblewski.

### 7. Old Business-

- a. Tabled ordinances- the Watson Township Board is reviewing the solar/wind purposed ordinances first and will proceed with each subsequent one individually each month.
- b. There was discussion about special use permits regarding time limitations for implementing the requested operation(s) once the permits are granted.
- c. Lindsay Linden inquired if Kathy Rex at Schnable Lake Campgrounds would be allowed to develop the campsites permitted in the granted special use permit without first establishing the required fence line. The planning commission confirmed that Kathy Rex must be in compliance with the permit. Dave Carter has called PCI requesting that they enforce compliance with her, Kathy Rexs' special use permit.

8. We conducted continued discussions related to incorporating ordinances involving hydraulic fracturing into zoning ordinances.
  - Bill Mitchell from the DEQ confirmed that locals can request bonding for roads.
  - The board gave consideration to bonding affecting farmers.
  - In chapter 17 of the Watson Township Zoning Ordinance, reclamation of any hydraulic fracturing activities is covered but it may need to amend it to also include construction of the site.
  - Legislature is expected to surface this summer as to chemical disclosure requirements. Currently the industry is claiming Patent protection as their reason for non-disclosure.
  - There is a Canadian company that is utilizing non-toxic solutions for their drilling practices.
  - As far as we, Watson Township Planning Commission are concerned, there are three areas of focus: bonding for roads, wells in the surrounding area of a drilling site potentially drying up and our emergency personnel having access to the chemicals on the drilling sites.
  
9. New business- none
  
10. A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 9:07pm by Troy Baker; support given by Michelle Harris.

Submitted by,

Michelle Harris  
Watson Township Planning Commission Secretary